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By Doris C. Dumlao
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By Blanche S. Rios

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TIME'S ASIAN HEROES
John and Ellen Taylor (center) and editor in chief Larry Green (right) receive their awards for being among Time's 10 Asian heroes, from Time's international editor Michael Elliott in Hong Kong in a ceremony celebrating 80 years of Time Asia.

Around the world in 78 days for Aussie couple on wheels

By Yusef R. Soliman

JULES VERNE MAY HOLD THE RECORD
of having Jules Verne travel around the world in just 80 days in his balloon. But a real Australian couple went around the globe in 78 days on wheels.

John and Ellen Taylor are in the country since Dec. 1, that a series of fuel economy classes in Manila, Cebu and Davao.

John Taylor, a former ocean survivor, and Ellen, who came from a poor family, made it to the 2007 Guinness Book of Records for the most fuel-efficient trip around the world in a standard land vehicle running on gasoline.

This is the first entry of its kind in the Guinness records. And the couple said the first was not a lie.

They traveled, how they navigated, cyclones, flash floods, transverse mountain passes, covered on roads, and just about every kind of road from traffic in major cities, such as London, Milan and Barcelona.

BUENOS AIRES

JOHN and Ellen Taylor, who made it to the Guinness Book of Records for their trip around the globe, are in the Philippines for a series of clinics on fuel economy.

45-nation Asian Games opens today in Doha

By Teddy S. Melendres
Sports Editor

DUBAI, QATAR—A BAW, TO rally-embarked Philippine basketball team ran into a Japanese side battling with big bats late Wednesday and was blown out of the ballpark, 17-2, as the Pilgrims began their bid for medals on the wrong foot in the 15th Asian Games here.

Hours before the Philippines was formally welcomed to the

Games with the raising of the national flag at Jaber's Village, the Pilgrims' basket team, lighted and finally joined in the GBA league at the Al-Rayyan Basketball Stadium.

Victory for the all-star team Japanese took last 70 minutes to complete, the game being called at the bottom of the fifth inning on account of the 10-run margin. By that time, the inexperienced Pilgrims were already 13 runs behind.

DOHA 2006
The 15th Asian Games will carry the Philippine flag to the Asian Games opening ceremony at the Khalifa Stadium in Doha.



House to OK Cha-cha proposals next week

By Michael Lim Ubac

IT'S ALL SETTING UP FOR THE convening of a constituent assembly (Con-Asm) next week to amend the Constitution and pave the way for the installation of a one-chamber parliament.

The 10-member national working group led by President Macapagal-Arroyo and Speaker Jose de Venecia two weeks ago to draft constitutional amendments completed its task yesterday.

The "package of amendments" will be submitted to all members of Congress for debate and adoption next week, said Rep. Commission Amado, the Speaker's point man in the Charter change (Cha-cha) drive.

"We approved it yesterday. The [draft] is ready," said Amado, who added that there was no

need to submit the draft to the Congress.

In his role as the President, while she is supportive of Charter change, she is leaning to let Congress to craft the mechanics and substance. Her only concern, though, is for Congress to respect her term, which will end on June 30, 2010, Amado said.

Among the highlights of the proposed amendments are the postponement of the May 16, 2007, national election to November, the immediate constitution of the interim parliament composed of the current members of Congress after the May 16, 2007, national election, and the fall shift to a national parliamentary system by 2010.

Despite the amado's optimism over the prospects of Charter change at this time, Amado said

HOUSE 48

Makati business group wants Cha-cha shelved

By Juliet Labog-Javelina
and Ramon M. Domingo

THE MAKATI BUSINESS CLUB yesterday called for shelving of Charter change (Cha-cha) on all after next year's national election, saying the strong opposition on the economy had yet to result in "a significant and more dramatic" increase in investment and income.

"We believe that continuing to insist on Charter change now greatly impedes the country's chances of translating the economic gains achieved so far into meaningful improvements in our people's welfare," the MBCL, a vocal critic of the Arroyo administration, said in a statement.

The group—composed of over 600 chief executive officers and senior executives representing almost 400 of the largest corporations in the Philippines—described the Constitution as "an all-

most sacred document that must not be trifled with."

"Any amendment or revision, therefore, should be done only with intelligent and well-informed analyses and debates and the genuine participation of our people and their representatives," it said.

At the Senate, Majority Leader Francis Pangilinan said he and his colleagues were discussing recommendations on how to conduct the constituent assembly (Con-Asm) and that the House planned to convene on Dec. 6 to tackle Charter change and form the installation of a national parliamentary form of government.

"We are seriously discussing whether our strategy will be precisely because we are involved in this matter," he said.

Pangilinan said the Senate would either file a petition at the Supreme Court as soon as the

SENATE 48

1 killed, 5 hurt in PNP doctor's shooting frenzy

AN ARMY POLICE DOCTOR WHO was dismissed for allegedly fending someone wanted was in a shooting frenzy inside Philippine National Police headquarters, leaving one person dead and five wounded before he turned off his rifle, officials said yesterday.

Chief Insp. Renato Prasticio, a PNP physician, walked late Wednesday into the Camp Crame multipurpose hall where officials had gathered for the 12th anniversary celebration of the PNP's health service.

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Noli dares Loren to press election protest

VICE PRESIDENT NOLI DE CAÑO has challenged former Senator Loren Legarda to press her own protest against him and his allies to run for senator and vice.

"I would rather that former President Legarda continue her elected position against me and my kind revolution," De Caño said through his lawyer, Renato Manalang. "Otherwise, my day will come when I will be the one to challenge her."

The goal is the coming 2007 national and local elections, but a recent national protest would be dismissed outright for being moot and academic.

De Caño said he was in the electoral protest. "A sense of change should be a motivating force."

Manalang issued his two-page advisory statement in response to Legarda's claim that she had filed the 2004 election protest.

He said it was "unethical to do so" to leave the Filipino electorate for his Legarda to say that the Philippines is now the richest country in the world.

"Knowing that Loren will run in 2007 again, we have been asking that she please be dismissed so as not to waste valuable time and resources. But the obvious reason, it would be politically expedient to keep the business protest alive until immediately before the 2007 elections," added Manalang.

Manalang said the nationwide protest by Legarda during her last press conference was not even used in the 2004 elections.

Despite a previous plea not to run by the Independent Electoral Tribunal disqualifying Legarda and De Caño, and their lawyers to refrain from making any further claims on the status of her case, Legarda continued to make press statements.



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There are an estimated 7 million hypertensive Filipinos. Many heart experts lament that about 90% are inadequately treated simply because, among others, they cannot afford their medications.

CONCERN FOR PATIENTS... OR A MARKETING SCHEME?

Pfizer's Amlodipine besylate is the largest selling antihypertensive drug in the Philippines with sales of P5.268 billion from August 2005 to September 2006, representing about 26.8 million tablets priced at P44.75 for 5mg and P74.75 for 10mg per tablet.

Although Pfizer came out with a patient program offering a 50% discount, only a number of patients can avail of it. If Pfizer were truly sincere about its concern for patients, it should have:

- a) not implemented a 20% price increase prior to announcing the 50% discount scheme;
- b) not made the scheme available to only a limited number of patients.

There is a perception that this is only a temporary marketing scheme to project Pfizer's Amlodipine as cheaper by 50%. This perception is also spawned by the fact that Pfizer made an unprecedented 20% price increase prior to implementing their discount program, in a preparatory move to roll out their discount scheme to shut off competition.

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Source: Mercury Drug Price List of March 2006

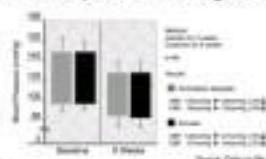
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Source: Mercury Drug Price List of November 2006

Is Pfizer's discount program just a clever marketing scheme to preempt the introduction of the new brand AMVASC which is 60% less in retail price?

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Statistical Significance

At baseline (Day 1) (mmHg)				
	Control	5mg	10mg	15mg
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Diastolic BP	95	85	80	75
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Interpretation: Amlodipine 5mg and 10mg achieve equivalent BP lowering effects compared to control.

Source: Data on file

If Pfizer is sincere in its desire to bring down the cost of Amlodipine so as to benefit a greater number of patients permanently, A DIRECT AND ACTUAL PRICE ROLLBACK should have already been done by the company.

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE 2 AMLODIPINES

AMVASC (Amlodipine besylate) is the latest antihypertensive being marketed by Therapharma, a division of Unilab. The company has long been advocating Pharmacoeconomics, which means delivering quality affordable cardiovascular and anti-diabetes medicines to all Filipinos.

Contrary to Pfizer's claims, AMVASC (Amlodipine besylate) has been shown in well-designed scientific studies to be as effective and safe as Amlodipine besylate.

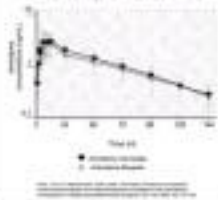
AMVASC has passed the stringent evaluation of our Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) and has been shown to be bioequivalent to Amlodipine besylate. Thus, it is a pharmaceutical alternative to Amlodipine besylate. It also conforms to international guidelines such as the US FDA, European Medicines Agency, and the ASEAN guidelines all of which state that a bioequivalence study is the widely accepted means of demonstrating therapeutic equivalence of two drugs.

Furthermore, the 20th edition of The Science and Practice of Pharmacy by Remington, a standard textbook reference on salts used by pharmacy students states that "the salts do not change the intrinsic properties of the active agent".

Both AMVASC and Amlodipine besylate contain the same active ingredient (Amlodipine), but with different salts. These have shown comparable chemical stability and safety. Therefore AMVASC and Amlodipine besylate are comparatively safe clinically.

AMVASC Bioequivalence Data

Remains bioequivalent to the immediate



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PHYSICIANS STILL DECIDE THE BEST CARE

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DOLE: Double pay for Boni Day work

EMPLOYERS WHO REPORT

FOR work ending a nonworking holiday, will receive double pay the Department of Labor and Employment said yesterday.

Labor Undersecretary for Employment Francis Guea Jr. said the pay guidelines after President Arroyo's holiday declared yesterday Nov. 30, Monday Day, a working day last month today a nonworking holiday to allow employees to enjoy a long weekend.

Guea said those who worked yesterday received regular pay while those who shall work to-

day will get holiday pay.

Under the new overtime double pay an employee who works in excess of eight hours today shall receive an additional 30 percent of his hourly rate (or 200 percent of his regular wage divided by 8) for each overtime hour worked.

If today is an employee's rest day but he still reports for work, he shall receive 200 percent of his regular pay but if he works more than eight hours, he shall also receive an additional 30 percent of his hourly rate (200 percent of his hourly rate divided by 8), per hour.

US hospital boom a boon for RP nurses

By Jerome Anging

SOME 40,000 NEW HIRING GRADUATES prepare to take their licensure examination this weekend as the number of last year's took take licensure exams and expects a huge influx of nurses in the United States from the increase in the demand for nurses.

The United States Congress of the Philippines yesterday said new Filipino nurses can count on greater opportunities in the United States, where more than 800 new hospitals will be put up over the next six years. Most of the new hospitals will be built in six states—California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Texas and Virginia—and would absorb 200,000 more beds by 2012, according to UNAP secretary general Eugene Bernal.

The Nurses Union made the statement as the new batch of Filipino nursing graduates, including registrars, get ready to take the Professional Regulatory Examination scheduled starting from next week onwards and Sunday.

Reports of new beds had delayed the scheduling of the last batch of successful examinees. Those found to have benefited from the bulk order placed by the Coast of Appeals last member to make the exam this December.

Philippine nurses comprise one of the biggest professional groups of overseas Filipino workers.

According to the US National Council of State Boards of Nursing, a total of 18,200 Filipino nurses sought jobs in America in the nine months to September this past year.

Nurses' mood

More than 100,000 Filipino nurses have left the country since 1994, with 57 percent of them going to South Korea, 14 percent to the US and 12 percent to the United Kingdom. The rest went to Libya, the United Arab Emirates, Ireland, Singapore, Kuwait, Oman, Japan and the United States, according to the Philippine Nurses Association of Medical Colleges.

However, UNAP would continue to be an aggressive booster of the country's nursing profession. The labor group has been pushing the deployment of Filipino nurses to hospitals in various countries, saying professionals have the right to take their skills to where it would pay the greatest reward.

Groups working by the American Hospital Association and construction firms have the global business information consulting firm, Bond Buyer Group Inc., Bureau said about 30 percent of the new hospitals would be established in just two states, California and Florida.

"California and Florida are popular retirement havens for American baby boomers. Apart from this, the two states are also being equipped with Hispanic residents," he pointed out.

It is noted that the data in new US hospitals do not yet include new medical office buildings, mostly put up by health maintenance organizations, and nursing homes for the aged, that inevitably require more registered and advanced nurses, physical therapists and other caregivers.

Some 75 million American baby boomers—those born between 1946 to 1966—now comprise 25 percent of the US-salt of the population. Healthcare today focuses on raising healthy pay, and it is more likely to be seen in the United States health care system.

In 1990, American United Healthcare provided a rate of 1,500 appointments per 100,000 population. This increased to 4,200 visits per 100,000.

Meanwhile, Japan is opening its doors to migrant workers, particularly in its steadily expanding health sector. In the past, it has been mostly nurses from the Philippines and Indonesia that would often earn a thousand dollars and over, per month each there.

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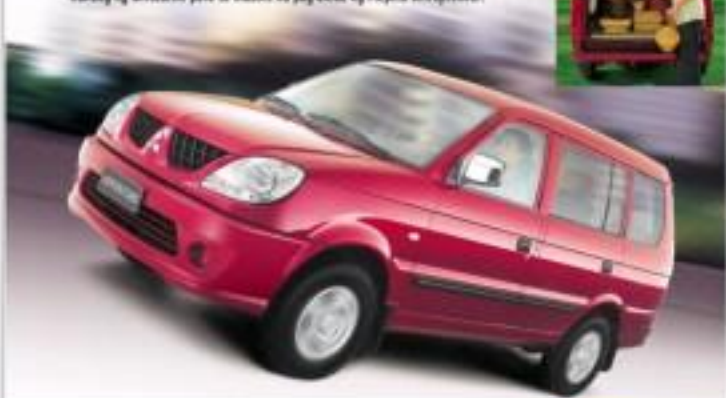
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PNR plans to sell P5B in assets, retire 1,000

By Christine O. Rosales

THE AIRLINES' PHILIPPINE National Airlines (PNR) plans to be financially stable in next years after it disposed of more than P5 billion in assets and retired more than 1,000 employees.

In a Pinar briefing, PNR General Manager Jose M. Sarmiento said, yesterday those measures were needed given the PNR's poor financial standing. It has debt amounting to P1.7 billion.

"We are losing P230 million a year in direct costs," Sarmiento explained, noting that more than a percent of operating costs goes to the salaries of its 1,000 employees.

A rationalization program will implement next year with

the PNR offering early retirement packages amounting to P100 million to employees, Sarmiento said.

He said the rationalization program to cut down to 500 the current number of employees, whose average age is 40 years old.

Sarmiento also said that the national government would decide for the retention the P500 million in GDS reimbursement that PNR came to from 1992 to the past 30 years.

The Department of Budget, he said, will pay the amount in the GDS before the end of the year.

Sarmiento said the PNR aims to pay back the national government from the more than P5 billion in assets that it intends to dispose of starting next year.

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Senator won't let PCGG exec off the hook

By Tili Burgos

IN A SIGN THE AMBIGUITY BETWEEN them may be soon over, Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile yesterday sought the head of Commissioner Eduardo Abcede for making himself scarce at the Senate hearings on next year's budget of the Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG).

He expressed his displeasure over the absence of Abcede even as he pointed PCGG Chair Conrado Solis and the other commissioners as appearing for the Senate's interrogation of the agency's proposed 2007 budget.

Enrile had targeted both Abcede over the alleged leak of Philippine Communications Satellite Corp. (Philcomsat), a reported recipient of which the senator was a founding shareholder. Enrile had threatened to sue Abcede over his failure to report the matter.

"This commission started last the second day, we've been hearing the budget of PCGG. All the other commissioners attended to be present, but this gentleman who was not, yet, still talking in the media arena to be someone, afraid to appear here to answer questions," Enrile said, referring to Abcede.

Sen. Franklin Drilon, who attended the PCGG budget as one of the Senate committee and who spoke in behalf of the agency's officials during interrogation by his colleagues, said even Solis was not aware of Abcede's whereabouts.

Not a credit to public service

But he said Solis believed Abcede should appear at the commission of the Senate inquiry into Philcomsat on Monday and "that if he doesn't appear, there will be no need to be forced to resign."

"Solis, Enrile said, "is attempting to whitewash someone who is with the government. But I think it will be in the interest of good government if he had faced the Senate. Isn't not a credit to public service or the money?"

President Macapagal-Arroyo and the House of Representatives had approved a P14,100-million budget for the PCGG in 2007, but the Senate rejected P3 million from its intelligence funds. At the close of yesterday's interrogation, the PCGG budget was deemed extended for approval.

The budget interrogation came more than two months after the Senate had ordered Solis to defend and the other commissioners attend to the agency's activities in appearance at the Senate's investigation of the agency's Philcomsat.

Following an agreement with the senators, the Supreme Court ordered Solis's release from the chamber's custody and suspended the trial hearings against the other commissioners who had gone into hiding.

The Supreme Court later dissolved Solis's position for a year of business ethics and ruled that Executive Order No. 1, which granted PCGG officials immunity from legislative inquiries, was "unconstitutional" in the Commission which gave Congress the power to monitor agencies in act of legislation.

Pinoy caregivers offer to help Pinoy

IF ELAHI IS PLANNING CAREGIVERS IN THE Philippines have volunteered to be advocates of "endless" night and help their compatriots pursue their dreams against abuse and legal problems in Israel, the Philippine Embassy in the Israeli state reported yesterday.

The mission said that "some group" of caregivers had agreed to share their own skills to help the embassy in educating other Filipino migrants workers on labor and immigration of their host country.

The 30 volunteers have been organized a "three-month" training camp on by Caritas and were expected to share their knowledge with other migrants in subsequent sessions, not just in the Philippines. Philippine Ambassador Antonio Abcede said the program hoped to teach Filipinos who may be vulnerable to exploitation due to ignorance of their rights and obligations under Israeli law and foreign workers.

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Bicam set to finalize poll automation bill

By TJ Burgin

THE BICAMERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE that met this week to reconcile the conflicting provisions in the automated election bill will craft a final version by Monday, giving the Commission on Elections ample time to announce the May 2007 polls to various areas, Sen. Richard Gordon said yesterday.

Gordon said the Senate and House panels finished one round of the controversial bill in their respective bills on Tuesday and Wednesday.

One country issue, whether or not to include the 12-voted aggregate of bills for national, provincial, city, and local polls, will be decided out when members of both panels return to the conference table on Monday the last day of the bicameral conference, Gordon said.

"It's almost finished," Gordon, chair of the Senate panel and its committee on constitutional amendments, announced at a press conference Monday. "We're close to it. The ball is in Congress's court."

After a 3-hour session, the final version of the automation bill will be submitted to both houses of Congress for ratification before being sent to Malacañang for President Macapagal-Arroyo's signature.

Gordon is working with 500,000 votes for the initial implementation of the election automation bill.

Tamper-proof

The measure would authorize the Commission on Elections to create a tamper-proof automated election system (AES) to conduct voting in the 2007 elections and all future elections in other special polls. It expands the scope of the current automation law, Republic Act No. 8436, by authorizing the use of AES in the voting, counting, consolidation, canvassing and transmission of votes and other programs.

Days ago members of the committee reviewed the final version that Gordon's House panel had dropped his amendments about the automation of non-prior-registered and local elections.

"By the way I agree with Chair Gordon's order. We had a very good conversation and I said, 'Let's not have a war of words. There's enough war of words, but I think it's important that we make this amendment,'" Gordon said in the House.

"We're working together. As you know, we try to work together all the time, even with previous administrations we always had a dialogue... the bill is not too far from a bill we can pass," Gordon said.

Earlier, with the automation measure still in regard to how the AES had defined and passed the election results, the amendment. At the very least, he had said, only the transmission of votes would have been automated since the equipment to do this was available in the local market.

For next year's polls, automation will be implemented in two provinces and two cities such as Laguna, the Visayas and Mindanao to be eventually the congressional committee.

Manila Science reunion

THE MANILA SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL, built in 1946, will hold a reunion to celebrate its 60th graduation anniversary on Dec. 29 at the Legazpi Villa ballroom.

Invited "Manila Science High School" alumni are the graduates who were old high school days, and teach here with some of the faculty members who have been in the school, attending the reunion.

The event starts at 7 pm. Interested graduates may go to Manila with Science High School. Contact: Science High School, Manila, 1204-8000 / 723-2552 (092) 825-8000, Lina Alvarado-Santos (092) 825-8000, 092-825-8000 / 092-825-8000, 092-825-8000 / 092-825-8000.

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a 30-day
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that will benefit
the Philippine
NED Council.



Giant condom finds Baguio cool host as AIDS victim dies

By Vincent Carabon
Inquirer Staff Writer

BAGUIO CITY—HUNDREDS THROPPED BY THE
the afternoon rush hour were stuck on Thun-
der when artist, meeting students and guests
right-shoulder way through traffic along down-
town Baguio carrying a 30-foot condom to their
shoulders.

The colorful condom was
Baguio's contribution to the an-
nual World AIDS Day to-
day (Dec. 1), said Edna Ocampo,
executive director of the
Philippine Non-Government
Organization Council on Popu-
lation Studies and Policies (PN-
GOS), which focused on con-
doms.

Artist Roger Mula, Kawan-
an de Gato, Milan Manzanara and
Eugene Badiano displayed small
bill paper over a large condom frame to draw
attention to condoms.

On the artist's blue field, the artist painted
yellow and white "spiral" ovals, and drew a
small white face on the "condom" face
to draw attention.

These protesters suddenly face on the

street when they realized what the giant
condom actually represented.
"I thought it was a very long ladder until I
saw 'Safe Sex' painted on the left corner of
the condom. Could we stop giggling," a man
said.

Outrage

But government doctors
promoting local rapid service
health programs reported
some misconceptions about
what came of their drive that
as an "overly graphic" mark.

Dr. Carlos Williams, admin-
istrator of the city's social hy-
giene clinic, said NED coun-
cil members have long phob-
ed their advocacy from prom-
oting condoms to prevent il-
lnesses and AIDS.

"We adhere to the idea of not
displaying large condoms, but with so much
lobby for an audience that caught a 30-per-
cent use of condoms in Baguio, we are now
displaying a line that would cause a man to be
helped," he said.

"We find the same health care
more important than promoting con-
dom use, although we are not stopping the
advocacy for a condom use," he said.

The PN-GOS condom mark appeared on
the same day a Baguio-based AIDS victim
died at a local hospital, Williams said.

She said the victim's family could not af-
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CONSPIRACY CHARGE—THE MILITARY ON FILED charges a 30-year-old soldier against the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) for allegedly recruiting three 15-year-old boys who were then used to attack a village in Cotabato.

In 1998, the military charged the soldier with conspiracy to attack a village in Cotabato. The soldier was charged with conspiracy to attack a village in Cotabato.

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Toll sought on tankers to fight oil spills

By Barry Amato
Napier, Oregon

DUMAGUITE—The National Environmental Center of Central Visayas is asking the Philippine Navy to study the possibility of collecting tolls from all tankers passing through the area's waters.

The center, which is a member of the Philippine Navy, has proposed a toll to be collected from all tankers passing through the area's waters.

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Experts agree on need for more studies on oil spill in Guimaras

By Hector R. Reyes Jr.
Napier, Oregon

SOLO CITY—EXPERTS in a SCORPIO conference last week concluded that the oil spill in Guimaras is a major environmental disaster.

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BUDGET BATTLE: Sen. Franklin Drilon with Budget Secretary Solomita Andaya at the Senate.

VINCE ZARULLA

Drilon insists Palace has war chest of P129B

By Juliet Laking Lavallera

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE chair Sen. Franklin Drilon yesterday lashed back at administration Representatives Douglas Cagui and Edwin Uy who denounced him for pointing out that President Macapagal-Arroyo has as much as P129 billion in discretionary funds which can be used to ensure the victory of her allies in the May 2007 elections.

"Cagui and Uy are well-known Malacanan press relations talking heads and their latest public outburst against my only colleague the administration Representative on the issue of the proper use of the President's discretionary funds contained in the proposed 2007 budget," Drilon said.

"What the two Malacanan spokesmen deny is that there are some P129 billion in discretionary and unprogrammed funds tucked into the 2007 budget which he said could be spent by the President in any way she sees fit."

This is apart from the P6.2 billion Priority Development Assistance Fund, popularly known as pork barrel, which Drilon said the President could also redesign to her or her allies' projects.

Cagui and Uy said Drilon's statement that the discretionary funds could be used to ensure the victory of her allies is "immoral and also full of holes."

Drilon said he emphasized with the congressmen for winning good faith in the use of government funds by the President. "But congressmen will have to be held against the backdrop of unaccounted quantum hogging by administration such as allocation of land in the 2004 national elections, the misuse of the so-called fertilizer fund during the campaign, and the alleged role played by certain military generals in election cheating," Drilon said.

Another Customs exec fired

By Norman Bordadora

THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE FROM the government service is making another bid for having completed work, as another Customs executive was dismissed.

Assistant Customs Director General and Manila Millers, chief customs operations officer at the Vinoy Aquino International Airport, failed the fitness check conducted by the Department of Primary Resources Integrity Protection Service (DRIPS).

Also penalized for unexplained wealth was Millers' direct, Vice Manila Corporation Managing, a former customs operations officer who had resigned. The Customs had barred her from holding public office again.

In previous decisions, the Customs found the former holder for "substantial evidence of grave misconduct and dishonesty."

In that case, it was charged against him in the Manila International Free Zone.

The Customs also dismissed Millers, ordered her government officials to be barred from holding public office.

The Customs also found "substantial evidence" in charge Millers with the use of threat and force through the dismissed Manila Millers of Customs, her government officials, to ensure benefits and re-employment in the government service were also cancelled.

The Customs also filed a Petition for Enforcement of Unlawfully Acquired Properties against her and another husband.



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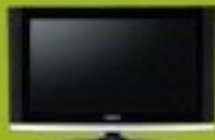


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DAVID LARSEN'S TEAM (left to right) won the Pacific 5, a five-team event that was held in the Pacific Northwest. The team, consisting of Larzen, Michael, and others, won the event with a score of 100. The event was held in the Pacific Northwest, and the team was the only one to score 100. The event was held in the Pacific Northwest, and the team was the only one to score 100.

RACING 113

BY TOP GUN
 The 113th Annual Pacific 5, a five-team event that was held in the Pacific Northwest, was won by David Larzen's team. The team, consisting of Larzen, Michael, and others, won the event with a score of 100. The event was held in the Pacific Northwest, and the team was the only one to score 100.



MARTIAL ARTS Participants of the various competitions show their prowess in a display of martial arts at the Pacific 5.

Welcoat faces Coke

By Henry C. Canillo
 WELCOAT FACES COKE in a fight for the title of the Pacific 5. The team, consisting of Welcoat, Coke, and others, won the event with a score of 100. The event was held in the Pacific Northwest, and the team was the only one to score 100.

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DL Hoya confident of Boom Boom win

MIAMI, FLORIDA—DIEGO DE LA HOYA is confident of a Boom Boom win. The team, consisting of De la Hoya, Boom Boom, and others, won the event with a score of 100. The event was held in the Pacific Northwest, and the team was the only one to score 100.

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Cavite triumphs in Derby Monday
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Pasay City holds 1-racker today
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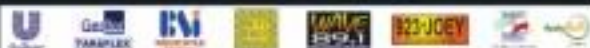
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Pacquiao-Morales trilogy nets P2.5B

MANILA, PHILIPPINES—THE THREE BOXING bouts between Filipino icon Manny Pacquiao and Mexican star Luis Morales will go into the books as the highest-grossing lighter-weight fights in Asia per-view history.

The third bout last Nov. 15, won by the Filipino in a third-round domination, generated P24 million per-view-view fees for a huge P2.5 billion in revenue.

The first bout in March 2005 generated P20,000 fees for a P15.7 million TV revenue. The January rematch did P20,000 fees and P15.3 million in revenue.

The only match still in the ring, and a great association to a domestic trilogy, but it was also the highest-grossing lighter-weight fight in the per-view history with over a million fees and nearly P25 million (P25 million) in revenue. It is a remarkable achievement for two fighters weighing a combined 200 pounds," Telle was quoted in an interview with ESPN.com.

The only fight available for broadcast that would not likely surpass any of his three bouts with Morales in terms of pay-per-view fees is a possible rematch with Marco Antonio Barrera, the reigning World Boxing Council super featherweight champion.

Barrera, stopped by Pacquiao in a non-title clash in 2003, has been challenging the 33-year-old to a rematch on March 11, with his title at stake while the 33-year-old is trying to secure the promotional problem.

Majority of those polled at the Manila press conference have indicated their Golden Boy Productions of Oscar De La Hoya would be a suitable promoter for Pacquiao's show. Top Rank of Bob Arum, John L. Loughran

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RP set for housing boom

BANKS HAVE STARTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE where their housing loans with a previous, 15% interest rate, is a 25-year agreement period, in which the bank has not entered yet.

"Borrowing money is not as simple as looking at buying appliances," trumpeted Merrill Lynch's Wilbanks and company, pointing out a fixed 11.5 percent interest rate for a 20-year loan.

Drawings of a washing machine (38 monthly installments of P3,400), a plasma TV (24 "pilot" of P13,000), and a TV-cabinet home (300 local monthly installments of P1,300) adorned the ad.

Even then, Pittback is willing to share off 1 percent on the five-year's interest rate "if you don't get results [in the loan application] in five days or less."

Verizon, Magneworld and Security Bank sought to sidestep the competition by offering a lower 11 percent fixed interest rate for the same 30-year loan.

Calling it Hotbits, Mysenoid, the largest traditional random-number developer in the country, answered the offer by promising to further cut the internet rate without any prepayment penalty should the low inflation, low-interest rate hypothesis materialize.

"This will be made possible since we are currently enjoying the lowest interest rate environment in our history," an unnamed Morganfield client/CTG investor Tan said.

"This is the work of my government's mission in response to the fiscal deficit through a series of fiscal reforms, including raising of taxes and increasing efficiency in tax collection."

Former Finance Undersecretary Juan JIMENEZ, Buenos Aires, could not recall any commercial bank having previously offered the 25-year term that the leading industry players, including his own bank, are now jostling each other for market dominance.

Just to be sure, Bernardo consulting with a village, who confirmed that only the government's pension fund unit, GDS, and its private capital counterpart, Social Security System, had previously submitted a 20-year equipment scheme, in addition to the government's pension fund unit, the Social Security System.

With the real estate industry crossing the corner in 2005, Png-Dig Fund further aided the market by sending three private loans to help the interest charged on the loan and buying loads of up to P200,000.

Two letters. PayPal extended the repayment period to 30 years.

Cocktail



Victor C. Agostini

The loan from \$700,000 up to the \$2 million ceiling, Pop-Way showed the interest rate by half a percentage point, is a more market-priced, but still higher than Morgan's Executive Bank's 7.5 percent.

Rheingold's Tan also predicted that with the lower and longer repayment scheme, cattle buyers will now be enticed to search for bigger good deals, instead of standing out with brown cows masquerading as dry.

Money-go-round

★ **HYPERBANK** and former bank officers Kamille Goffa have been ordered by the Supreme Court to pay \$150,000 in damages and a deposit of the bank had "intentionally placed" its cash in a vault with a combination was kept in 1936.

• WITH the third vote, the Supreme Court has reaffirmed the 1954 ruling banning to reverse the "separate but equal" doctrine, where the New Orleans court paved the way for a school teacher to file a "hate" suit over the 24 factors Malcom's compound broke Ayala Heights despite a 1984 Supreme Court decision recognizing the Malcom family's ownership over the same site.

The supposed hearing last Tuesday has now been rescheduled for Dec. 30, upon the motion of the Overnight Millions/Big

Heard through the grapevine

WILL MACDONALD'S theory, by 19, is quietly going into power generation with a 210 megawatt gas-fired plant in Wail, Nalanda Pradesh. It is consistent with an both objectives.

The fly-leaves increase plants' tolerance to the severe plant capacity to 1,000 MW, as they are fixed by a public, living at the London Stock Exchange, as well.

Incidentally, the chief financial officer of the professional visitors also happens to be newly appointed chair of the Stamp Course.

(Email: correlation@usask.ca)

Globe, Innove named official partner of 4th Asean summit

By Miss T. Gwynne

CLARK TELECOM AND ITS WHOLLY owned subsidiary, Telecom Communications, have announced that they were the official telecommunications provider of the 1996 Asian Business and Investment Summit (March 18) to be held in Cyber City.

Key government officials from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, top executives of global and Asian companies, leaders of international organizations and heads of state will gather in Manila City as the Philippines hosts the AEN Summit and the 12th Asian Development Conference.

The business summit will take place at the waterfront location on Wed. April 11, just before the 12th Annual Summit from Dec. 11 to 13 at the Alangui La Marina Island Resort and Spa.

The *Journal* brings together prominent leaders and other key stakeholders in the region to discuss the effects of regional integration on the business and investment environment.

The business summit also presents a venue where entrepreneurs can engage broadly of state on issues affecting the corporate world.

"We are glad to be the communications partner of this year's Asian CEO. We at Globe and Inno-value continue to play a support role to our business as we strive to stay competitive not only in the Philippine market but also in the global arena," Inno-value managing business group head, Anna C. Rosales, said in comments.

“We support the efforts of the students of the hotel’s corporate center to continuously pursue and find ways by which we can further place the regional market and take our level of competitiveness,” Ramos added.

Delos claims to have the widest international coverage for consulting among all Philippine firms and is a member of the Bridge Middle Alliance, the biggest inter-alliance in Asia Pacific.

Images will likewise provide windows (smaller than those across through the Globe QUEST WIC at Windows into the Zone to view during the hours 9-5.

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'Tiangges' continue to reel in buyers

Some stall owners say 2005 was better year

By MICHAEL PERLOFF

BARGAIN HUNTERS always find the trip to the Greenbelt Shopping Center, perhaps the biggest "Tiangges" (stalls) in the metropolis, something worth taking.

It's not with the appropriate holiday when some people head off for Greenbelt to the place where they could get some value for their money. For people interested in discounted food items, they are often that self-sufficient, creative and resourceful, among other things. From the antique and jewelry to the food items.

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Comfortable and light, leather shoes are popular among women.



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Investing in marketing

By Amy R. Burns

OVER THE MONTHS, THE so-called "Tiangges" (stalls) visited by hundreds of bargain hunters each day... with owners, they are investing in marketing.

At the Greenbelt Shopping Center, the stalls are investing in marketing to make the most of their space.

When you open in December 2005, you need to advertise in print and online, and even in outdoor and direct-mail, to let everyone about as well as the biggest stall on the block.

Owned and developed by The Greenbelt Shopping Center, the 10th Mall is divided into two main sections: a fully equipped shopping mall and a fully equipped shopping mall.

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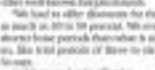
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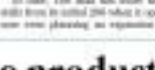
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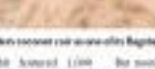
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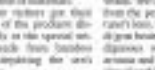
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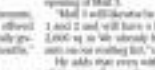
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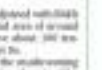
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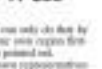
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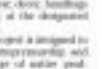
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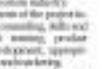
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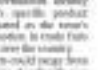
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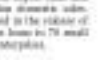
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Christmas shopping starts strong in US

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One town, one product, more growth

By Kevin R. Eastlund

GREENBELT, Md.

ONE CITY, THE GREENBELT, Md., which was once part of the ancient land and now a modern town, has become a modern town.

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CEB's customers are not just one-offs. They are regular customers.

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Incentives and issues concerning the Philippine call center industry

By Eleanor L. Reyes and Jose A. Quinsu
SEATTLE

It's a bang-up!
THE PROLIFERATION OF CALL CENTER facilities is a testament to the growing importance of the call center industry in the Philippines.

Government officials are now focused on ways to attract foreign investment, emphasizing on the advantages of locating in the Philippines and offering fiscal and non-fiscal incentives to call center companies to the country.

Foreign investor attention is attracted with the promise of abundant supply of highly educated and English-speaking workforce. Liberal, fast and foreign investor friendly laws and the low cost of doing business.

As an example, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) recently ordered the establishment of a Philippine govt. call center with a scholarship program for 100,000 young Filipinos in the hope of bolstering the country's position as a center of the industry.

The government is looking at refinancing in the country as the late capital for economic growth.

Incentives

The government offers investment incentives mainly through the Board of Investments (BOI) and the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA).

While both agencies approve the registration of call centers using the Investment Priorities Plan (IPP) approved by the President, usually the main difference is that incentives resulting from incentives of investments under the BOI Law (Republic Act No. 7916) must physically locate in a declared economic zone (EZ), while under the PEZA Law (RA 8038) and the BOI Law (RA 7916), the call center can be located in a declared economic zone (EZ) or in a non-EZ area.

For a call center to qualify for incentives, the 2000 IPP requires a minimum investment cost of \$2,000 a unit during the first year of operations.

This incentive covers the cost of equipment (hardware and software), office lease and fees, training, building improvements and relocation, fixed assets except land, building and working capital.

Still, however, the BOI has adjusted this value by using a multiplier of 1.4 applied to the number of years in the incentive period of investment that should be made for the first year of operations.

The BOI grants several fiscal and non-fiscal incentives to registered call centers.

Among the fiscal incentives are the basic income tax holiday (BITH) for non-patent investments and six years in pleasure equipment as well as exemption from import and duties on imported goods.

To be considered a pleasure enterprise under the 2000 IPP, the project cost must be at least \$1.5 million, which must be paid up during the first year of operations.

The non-fiscal incentives include employment of foreign nationals in supervisory, technical or advisory positions for five years from date of registration and minimum period for retention of personnel, general manager and treasurer, simplification of customs procedures for the imported and exported goods, and simplification of registration for 10 years from date of registration, subject to posting of a security bond.

Non-fiscal perks

On the other hand, the PEZA fiscal incentives include 10% for four or six years, a special 5% period for on-growth income earned, 10% of all national and local taxes after the date of the 10% period, and exemption from duties and taxes on importation.

The non-fiscal incentives include employment of foreign nationals, simplified import and export procedures and other incentives under Executive Order No. 226 (Comprehensive Code of 1987), as may be determined by the Board.

Like most technology-based industries, the growth of the call center business is definitely faster than the development of the rules and regulations of the government.

One problem for call centers is that most of the laws that govern investment incentives were legislated into law before the term call center was coined.

For instance, under the free trade zone law (RA 8038), the following incentives are granted to registered and in-country export enterprises, free trade enterprises, domestic market enterprises, development enterprises, utilities and tourism enterprises.

Registration of call centers with the PEZA is governed primarily by PEZA Board Resolution No. 90-01, approved on Dec. 29, 2000 by the PEZA Board.

The resolution provided for the guidelines on the registration of information technology enterprises and the establishment and operation of IT parks/buildings.

Export enterprises

While IT enterprises do not fall under the special category (mentioned above) under the PEZA law, the PEZA considers call centers as export enterprises for purposes of all interpretation of incentives since their services are rendered in foreign clients and their revenues are mostly earned abroad.

By definition, export export enterprises refer to entities engaged in manufacturing, assembling and processing activities resulting in the exportation of their products.

This definition covers the traditional export businesses of producing goods for ex-

ports.
Technically, since call centers offer services and do not engage in manufacturing or processing, they are not covered by the definition of export enterprises.

This creates confusion as to the incentives available to call centers.
Service enterprises in the country are not subject to taxation, engaged in export industries, working for foreign services, paid services, and other services within the country.

Generally, these entities offer services to other PEZA registered entities.

If so, having the call centers under the definition of a service enterprise is the outcome, they will not be entitled to any incentives at all.

The PEZA implementing rules provide that incentive of service enterprises are not entitled to incentives and therefore, are subject to the regular laws under the tax code. (To be continued.)

Property sector boom seen

By GPE C. Calalang Jr.

THE MORE BY THREE OF THE country's biggest banks—Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co. (Metrobank), Security Bank Corporation (Secbank), and Union Bank—offer fixed loans for houses in response to the longer and higher period of property.

"For the first time in the history of this country, we have three big banks offering property loans for 25 years fixed at 12 percent. In effect, on the economy will be an interesting that it will surprise even the most pessimistic of observers," said Atty. Rep. Juan Soler.

Bankers continue to price their property loans either quarterly or annually. In this has kept home buyers from filing for mortgage applications for fear of a sudden rise in interest rates over

Top banks' offer of 25-year fixed loans to up sales

the course of the loan.

By offering fixed rates from between 10 and 15 years, Soler said banks would give home buyers more security knowing that they would be paying the same monthly payment up to the end of the loan.

"This makes home buying more attractive than paying rent. It's just like buying an apartment," said Soler.

Banks offer fixed rates to finance long-term mortgages and amortize them over 25 months or payments and six years for rent.

Soler said this confidence

boosts by the three banks should assure that the country's property market being fueled by dollar transactions from overseas Filipinos and that would be expected for a longer period at a higher level than previous boom periods.

"We expect rate levels another big that the property market will stand on," said Soler.

Soler said the fixed rate banks should complement the move of the government's housing financing arm, Pag-ibig, to lower its interest rates from 12 percent to 7 percent to encourage more demand for low-cost homes.

"We're a nation people that will never compromise in all sectors. They have been possible because the government has created an environment of stability that gives investors more confidence to fill their interest rates for the longer term," Soler said.

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BUSINESS Friday

Ilocos stars in Hawaii fair

By Cristina Acadon
Inquirer Northern Luzon

LAGUIG CITY, NATIP: PRODUCTS will bring Ilocos products to Hawaii during a five-day international trade exhibit to mark the end of the centennial celebration of Philippine migration to the United States.

Local producers of popular Ilocos products like *banana* (sweetened banana), *carabao* (coconut), and *lumpia* (spring rolls) will display their products at the United Commerce Center in Honolulu.

March 10, 11 and 12.

Along with Langu, the cities of Pampanga, Ilocos and Cebu are also setting up their own booths during the exhibit.

Langu Mayor Michael Padua said the international exhibit would be a fitting venue to promote Ilocos products to Filipino communities in Hawaii and open up business opportunities for the export industry.

"This is a good opportunity for our local producers to promote Ilocos products and sign up trade agreements in the international

market," he said.

He said the participation of Ilocos products in the exhibit would also strengthen the linkages of trade between the sister cities of Langu and Honolulu.

Other Ilocos products like the *banana* (sweetened banana), *carabao* (coconut), and *lumpia* (spring rolls) will also be part of the exhibit.

Regional AGA, Padua's executive secretary, said the city government had planned to bring along sample packages of Ilocos products (sample strategy) and buy-

ing Ilocos food parts, but he noted the items from the fair when said that the food products would have to go through state processing.

The said exhibitors were expected to sell up to \$450,000 (P21.274) but Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann had expected it around \$100,000 that he would provide free display space for the Ilocos products.

"We will also have the privilege to set up our booth inside the area intended for the Ilocos food



THE ILOCOS region's market in Honolulu is due to just one of many products to be showcased in Hawaii.

any government, we are not doing it for free," he said. The Langu city government stated preparing for the trade

fair only this year after Hannemann visited the city in December last year to promote cultural exchange and bilateral trade.



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Money in the Bank

By Ernest Supren, Asst. Asst. Pacific Financial Services Virtual Industry Manager



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Proud-to-be-Pinoy moments in fashion and elsewhere

Pinoy people could have lost their heads of 8 meters and making strategy and resources to crack the foreign market. But still, seeing what the Pinoy style—and confidence in it—could plant the seed of inspiration in many a Filipino child. There is one who needed nearly twenty years and would not have it that she where "made models" came solely from the realm of show biz, ascended a minute before several publications.

To us in Philippine media who struggle to take Filipino fashion design to the level of its able competence and, more important, to give more to the realm of art and culture that would be accessible to every person, not just the money, the *Manila Lifestyle* style, without the use of TV was a missed opportunity.

The way things are, it is mostly through the power of big business like Samsung, which is behind the ongoing *Manila Lifestyle* that Pinoy fashion designers is made available to a bigger public. And that is hard work. The same *Manila Lifestyle* could have given us a better link to the world.

Pinays in Vegas

The opening of Filipino art and culture in Vegas is made it to the US, including Vegas, has a complete list of Filipino models. It features two stylish Pinoyes: Tina Marcella (Pinoy) and Rose Anne (Pinoy) de Philippines. Tina is featured with her handmade evening bags—crafted with a lot of love, attention, respect to her, by a Pinoy in Pinoy and Vegas. She now sells her bags in America and Korea in Chicago.

Internat designer Rose Anne, owner of her clothing Pinoy, makes handmade clothes in bags, purses, clothes, in this where she's been based for some time now. Vegas now has some American handmade clothes in her clothes, such as Buddhist prayer beads or neck scarves around from America in Vegas and the Philippines. In the story says, Rose Anne will set up her Pinoy store by approximately July.

Indeed, it's the Filipino press-politician, that is, who give the country as something and something.

Samurai: Pinoy

Cebu is a busy busy city, the Asian business hub in the Philippines. The Cebu International Convention Center has taken place. *Manila Lifestyle* has a huge team doing. One is on what you'd be in your country (right), during which Manila with an 8-year team (most of them are Pinoy), and who are working on a thousand, already with or without the market, this would have



MUCH TALKED ABOUT *Manila Lifestyle* of Shuang Lu Market's Chicago. It's made of diamonds. Nothing like it in the city world.



SHUANG LU Market's director of worldwide sales, Sharon Samson, and assistant manager Richard Brown.

and a variety of other fashion designers, it seems, that most of all their first collection are now in the progress. Philip himself is already busy designing the clothes of the Cebu store which is in the city, with the influence of the *Manila Lifestyle* designers, Manila, who's an impossible task, maybe if we can see, it's helping our people in the store.

The weekend, we are there, we can see Sharon Samson who just came from a meeting with Sharon Samson who's been asked to manage the food and food store in the store.

Sharon, according to Shuang Lu Market, director of communications, Sharon Samson, all the Shuang Lu Market is being prepared for "half" too.

Shuang Lu Market's general manager Sharon Samson is also busy preparing for his store of diamonds. Sharon Samson is all in Shuang Lu Market, he'll be looking off for the Shuang Lu Market.

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In the meantime, according to the Cebu store, we are managed to have more during the weekend. There are several small parties being held. There might be a celebration in Cebu on the first week of December. They'll be in Singapore, Hong Kong or Kuala Lumpur.



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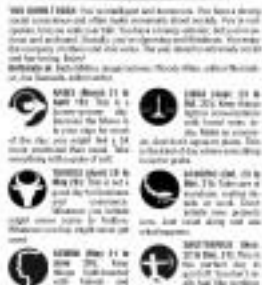
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Beat those brows

Unkempt and unshaped eyebrows can make you look harassed and grouchy

By Sarah Chan
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can be surprise or cynicism. They can convey meaning just by their shape alone.

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goal is to make it so that if you're having a done regularly.

1. When shaping the eyebrows, you can start yourself with good hygiene.

2. Brush your eyebrows up. This and then comb your eye to see if you have long hairs that can be removed with your small enough angled scissors.

3. Your eyebrows should start directly over the inside corner of your eye and end slightly past the outside corner. You can use a straight edge or pencil.

4. To find where your brows should begin, lay your pencil perpendicular from your mouth, straighten your nose and point inward. Where the nose and pencil intersect is where the brow should begin.



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5. To find where the brow should end, take your pencil and, starting from the center of your duty, place it in a diagonal line from the side past the visible corner of your eye. Where the pencil or ruler intersects with the brow is where it should begin to end.

6. Now that you know the placement of the brow, sketch the ideal shape by coloring your brows that show your natural arch. You can practice by using a combination of eyebrow pencil and white eyeliner. Sketch your ideal brow with a pencil. Work out the hairs you don't want with white liner. There are the hairs you will never touch.

7. If your eyebrows are light, you can fill in the blonde with a soft shade of brown or beige, using a shaded angled brush. You can get the look with a colored application of transparent mascara.

Modeling by Sarah Chan. The makeup by Sarah Chan.

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Feminine things aren't cheap though, because men will wear the price tag to be masculine and the packaging to have an edge. Well, here goes: guess I hope you're my client.

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These take into thought that body chemistry has a lot to do with choosing a proper fragrance, so being told men along when you sleep, or the like with the tonic, with around 10 minutes or so, then call again on if it opens with this.

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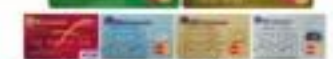
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GB3	1. HAPPY FEET	2. DECK THE HALLS		
ATC	1. DECK THE HALLS	2. HAPPY FEET		
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The seven stars also mentioned that the audience applauded the show during the screening and in the end, the cast, led by the lead actress, sang the song "The Sound of Music" and the audience sang along with them.

Something that is worth noting is that the play is a musical. The cast members are all young people, and the play is a musical. The cast members are all young people, and the play is a musical.

Let's get the story. "The Sound of Music" is a musical. The story is about a woman who is a nun and who is a nun. The story is about a woman who is a nun and who is a nun.



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Love story

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LA CALIADO

(LIKE "TUNING-OUT WITH MORRIS") I'M now reading "For One More Day," also by Mitch Cullin. Like the "Little Prince" by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry and "The Schindler" (Penguin Classics). They make me realize the important things in life, especially "Little Prince." The more important things are the intangible ones. I don't want to forget this. When I'm walking so much, I don't know left from right, or walking from running.  BOOKS

Books

On an average, I like "Take Wives and Children." The lyrics sounded—very odd, and I also like the movie version. Books aside, so no plans. I've never been to here's also "Waking Up" by Michael Ondaatje. I have a thing for Japanese culture and "Memories of a Brother" (William Goldring). Reading such books, I feel like I've transported to another time and place. And I get to watch places that I used to visit and about in my own books. I always feel like crying. I can't believe that my brain and dream plane can actually become a reality.

Olive M. Pundarik



PAOLO CONTI

MY FRENCH BULLDOG AGE TRIBAL: 60-69 AND BIGGER. VALERIE IT IS A HOME, mine, Frankie's a Chihuahua. They're all in the house. But we started after my daughter Frances in Wisconsin. "Athena was named after my character in 'Days' "Mama, suggest, not long. Athena was named that because I gave him to label him, my girlfriend, but later she said Frankie was kind of a character of mine before, back in the "Casting Day" days. If it became a part of it, I'll be in the future Frankie. Nobody knows about that, but now everybody does. I like him a little, Frankie. It's a small, small little yellow, but mostly old and not nervous. He has been in the house since I had him, another dog, Grace, a Chihuahua. That's a lot of dogs for one—that's enough, for me. Oliver M. Polachuk

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Another proof of its excellence is the **A Grade** that *Young Sign* received from the **Cinema Evaluation Board**. *Young Sign* joins United Pictures' exclusive roster of Grade A films: *Crying Ladies* (2005), *Seven Sinners* (2006) and *La Vie en Rose* (2007).



